

Section 1: The Indus and Ganges River Valleys

Ancient India

Guided Reading and Review**A. As You Read**

Directions: *As you read Section 1, complete the statements below.*

1. The natural barrier that separates India from the rest of Asia is the _____.
2. The earliest people of northern India probably entered the Indus Valley from passes in the _____ mountain range.
3. One of India's earliest cities, located along the banks of the Indus River, was _____.
4. The earliest known religious books of Aryan society are the _____.
5. The four social classes that emerged in Aryan society were the _____.

B. Reviewing Key Terms

Directions: *Complete each sentence by writing the correct term in the blank provided.*

6. A large landmass that juts out from a continent is called a _____.
7. During the summer, seasonal winds called _____ blow moist air across India from the Indian Ocean.
8. In the center of Mohenjo-Daro, there was a fortress consisting of a group of public buildings. Another name for this fortress is a _____.
9. The Aryans moved, or _____, into the Indus Valley around 1500 B.C.
10. The strict division of classes that began in India around 500 B.C. is known as the _____ system.